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LATE APPEARING TIMES OF ZAMBIA MAY 21 ALSO FOCUSED ON AMB YOUNG IN MAPUTO AND VORSTER/MONDALE MEETING BUT WITH A MORE NEGATIVE TWIST THAN DID THE DAILY MAIL (REFTEL). STORY ON YOUNG'S MAPUTO SPEECH IS HEADLINED "YOUNG LETS DOWN AFRICA OVZR STRUGGLE" AND VIENNA MEETING ACCOUNT IS TITLED "VORSTER, MONDALE TALKS FLOP." AMB YOUNG IS SAID TO HAVE LET DOWN AFRICA BY OPPOSING DRAFT PROPOSALS TO IMPOSE MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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REPTURE POSTAL AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH RHODESIA. REMARKS BY HARRIMAN EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AT YOUNG'S ADDRESS ARE QUOTED. ACCOUNT OF VORSTER/MONDALE MEETING FEATURES VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARK ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL AND PROFOUND DISAGREEMENT ON APARTHEID. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOTED THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA QUESTIONS.

TIMES EDITORIAL ALSO FOCUSES ON VIENNA AND MAPUTO. VICE
PRESIDENT HAS FAILED TO DENT "VORSTER'S FAITH IN THE SUPREMACY OF
THE AFRIKANER; APARTHEID WILL CONTINUE." IN MAPUTO
"MR. YOUNG HAD A SERIOUS SETBACK WHEN HE FAILED TO CONVINCE
AFRICANS THAT HE AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WERE ON THEIR SIDE IN THE

CAMPAIGN AGAINST VORSTER AND SMITH." BY CONFIRMING HIS COMMITMENT TO APARTHEID VORSTER HAS SIGNED A DEATH WARRANT FOR ANY "PEACEFUL" SOLUTION. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS THREATENED UNSPECIFIED ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IF VORSTER DOESN'T YIELD. "THE WORLD MUST NOW WAIT AND SEE IF MR. CARTER'S BARK CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO A REAL BITE."
"MR. YOUNG'S PERFORMANCE IN MAPUTO DISAPPOINTED EVEN HIS STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS". EVENTS IN MAPUTO AND VIENNA SHOW THAT THE TIME FOR TALKING IS OVER AND THE WAR INTENSIFIED. CLINGERMAN

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